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USDA TO GATHERS CASH RENTS DATA

Raleigh, NC – January 14, 2022 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is conducting the Cash Rents and Leases survey starting on February 7. The survey provides the basis for estimates of the current year’s cash rents paid for irrigated cropland, non-irrigated cropland, and permanent pasture. Over 240,000 survey recipients across the U.S. have been selected to complete the survey, which can be completed online by March 1 at accounts.usda.gov, by mail or phone.

“Survey responses from as many farm operations as possible ensure cash rental rates accurately represent your locality,” said Dee Webb, NASS North Carolina State Statistician. “Results from the Cash Rents and Leases survey will also give landowners a useful tool in negotiating rental agreements for financial planning for their agricultural operations.”

Information from this survey is also used in the Farm Service Agency Conservation Reserve Program as an alternative soil rental rate prior to finalizing new rates each year.

In accordance with federal law, NASS keeps survey responses confidential. Survey results will be available in aggregate form only to ensure that no individual producer or operation can be identified. NASS will publish the survey results on August 26 at quickstats.nass.usda.gov/. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS NC Field Office at (919) 733-6333 or visit [https://www.nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide to NASS Surveys/Cash Rents by County/index.php](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide%20to%20NASS%20Surveys/Cash%20Rents%20by%20County/index.php).

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